DDA Housing Schemes

†*277. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that registration was done by the DDA for houses under several schems in the year 1979;

(b) if so, the total number of applicants that were registered;

(c) the number of registered persons who have been allotted houses upto the 31st December, 2005; and

(d) the number of schemes registered in the year 1979, and how many of them have been cancelled mid way?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY):(a) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has informed that only one housing scheme namely "New Pattern Registration Scheme" was launched in the year 1979.

(b) Total number of 1,71,272 applicants were registered under the scheme.

(c) Flats have been allotted to 1,60,386 registrants till the end of 2005.

(d) No housing scheme, launched by DDA in 1979, has been cancelled mid way.

Electronic monitoring of fund utilization at Panchayati Raj Institutions

*278. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether electronic monitoring of fund utilization at Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) is being done by Government;

(b) if so, whether the State Governments have given approval in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

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(d) whether the Centrally Sponsored District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) is being merged with PRI;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government have sought views of different State Governments in this regard; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj aims to ensure that funds meant for Panchayats are transferred to them without delay or diversion in accordance with the National Common Minimum Programme of the Government. Utilisation of funds pertaining to major schemes transferred to Panchayats are monitored electronically by the Ministry of Rural Development through software developed by NIC in this regard.

(d) to (g) In the First Round Table to State Ministers of Panchayati Raj held at Kolkata in July 2004, it was resolved that the role of District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) should be reconceived as an important instrument for Panchayati Raj development through the progressive merger of DRDAs with the District Panchayats. The technical expertise and other facilities of the DRDAs should become available to all tiers of the PRIs under the overall responsibility and disciplinary control of the elected authority in the PRIs at the appropriate level. The activities of the reconceived DRDAs with respect to the three tiers of the Panchayati Raj system should be patterned on the activity map for the devolution of functions, functionaries and funds so that all the three tiers of PRIs have equitable access to the resources, expertise, facilities and manpower of the DRDAs.

In five States, namely, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and West Bengal, DRDAs have been merged with Zilla Parishads.

Permanent Seat in Security Council

t*279. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan is opposing the move to grant

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